

Belvedere: December 16, 2004
Jerry Butler

Corte Madera: **TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners
Melissa Gill

Fairfax: **RE:** Regional Bicycle Pedestrian Projects (RBPP) for FY 05/06 and 06/07 –
Lew Tremaine Agenda Item 7

Dear Commissioners:

Larkspur:
Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley:
Dick Swanson

Novato:
Pat Eklund

Ross:
Tom Byrnes

San Anselmo:
Peter Breen

San Rafael:
Al Boro

Sausalito:
Amy Belser

Tiburon:
Alice Fredericks

County of Marin:
Susan Adams
Hal Brown
Steve Kinsey
Cynthia Murray
Annette Rose

On October 1, 2004, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) advised the Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies, including the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), that they had \$8 million set aside for Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian projects, which they wanted to program in spring (release of draft program)/summer (June approval of program) of 2005. By October 5, 2004, TAM staff forwarded a notice to SMART, Marin Municipal Water District, the County of Marin, all of the Cities/Towns in Marin, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District, and the Bolinas Public Utility District about the opportunity to request funding for regional Bicycle and Pedestrian projects with a deadline to submit proposals to TAM November 12, 2004, so TAM could review for eligibility and solicit suggestions on priorities by the Dec 16th TAM meeting.

Three projects were submitted to TAM:

- Corte Madera proposed a Bay Trail Improvement Project extending along Redwood Highway (south from Wornum Drive), San Clemente Drive, and Paradise Drive (to the southern city limit), for a grant request of \$796,500.
- Tiburon proposed a Trestle Glen bikeway extending from Hacienda Drive to Tiburon Boulevard, for a grant request of \$520,291.
- Marin County proposed a Ranchitos Road bikeway extending from Lincoln Avenue to North San Pedro Road, for a grant request of \$776,521.

These projects were all forwarded to a joint meeting of the Marin County Bicycle Advisory Group and Marin Public Works Association for their review of the projects eligibility and discussion of prioritizing the projects. All of the projects were found to be eligible as shown on the table on page 2, and they recommended to TAM that the projects should be prioritized:

1	Redwood Highway Bay Trail	5 votes
2	Ranchitos Road bikeway	4votes
3	Trestle Glen bikeway	1 vote

In addition, a comment was made that the Ranchitos Road bikeway project would be improved, and be more competitive in the regional competition, if it included Class 2 bikeway signing and striping. The County considered this suggestion and subsequently modified their application to include these elements. A summary of all three projects is attached. The complete applications are available for review at the Marin County Department of Public Works offices.

MTC staff has advised us that all of the recommended projects will be scored by MTC, and the top \$8 million in projects region-wide programmed. To the extent that Marin high-scoring projects are programmed, they will count against the \$3,499,496 that MTC expects to allocate to Marin over the next 12 years. MTC expects another round of programming Bicycle and Pedestrian projects in about 18 months for the next two-year STP/CMAQ programming period. Below is a summary of the eligibility screening

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
Eligibility Screening MTC Project Call Page 3/19, Step 2, Bullet 2

Eligibility Requirement/Projects	Corte Madera – Redwood Highway Bay Trail	Tiburon – Trestle Glen Bikeway	Marin County – Ranchitos Road Bikeway
Must be submitted by local agency 4/19 p 2	Town of Corte Madera	Town of Tiburon	Marin County
Project is path, bridge, on-street bike lanes, ped street crossing, traffic calming, way finding signage or other CMAQ eligible activity 4/19 p 7	Bay Trail	Bicycle path Class I	Bicycle path Class II
\$300,000 to \$3,499,496 5/19 p4	\$776,521	\$520,291	\$776,521
Must have 11.5% local match 5/19 p 5	11.5% proposed	11.5-12% proposed	11.5% proposed, will pursue other grants
Will meet NEPA, CEQA, and ADA 5/19 p 6 within 12 mo of program 6/19 p 5	Within 12 months will NEPA, CEQA and ADA	Will abide by NEPA, CEQA & ADA	CEQA done, will comply with NEPA and ADA
Project meets both bicycle and pedestrian needs 3/19 b 2	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provides a useable segment 5/19 p 7	Yes	Yes	Yes
Requires other major capital projects?	No	No	No
Project construction contracts can be awarded by June 30, 2007?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Utility relocation?	May require minor utility work	No	May require minor utility work
Opposition?	None	None	None
Lawsuits pending?	None	None	None

Recommendation: Direct staff to submit all three proposed regional projects to MTC for scoring and regional funding consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Tackabery
Executive Director

Attachment: 3 Project Summary Sheets

Part One: Project Summary	
Project Title	Corte Madera Bay Trail Improvements Project
Project Description	<p>The Corte Madera Bay Trail Improvements Project is the result of the Corte Madera Bay Trail Feasibility Study (copy attached) to develop and enhance a Bay Trail Route through the Town of Corte Madera from the City of Larkspur to the Town of Tiburon. The Town Council approved and accepted the recommendations of the study during its regular Council Meeting in June 15, 2004.</p> <p>The Town is requesting funds from MTC to pursue the recommended improvements as described in the feasibility study. During the study, the corridor was broken down into six segments. The proposed project can be undertaken in phases or segments depending on the amount of funds to be allocated by MTC.</p>
Project Location	The Bay Trail corridor is located in the eastern portion of the Town of Corte Madera, extending along Redwood Highway, San Clemente Drive, and Paradise Drive. The corridor passes by a number of land uses, including a regional shopping mall, a local shopping center, residential neighborhoods, schools, and open spaces.
Usable Segment Length	2.50 miles
Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Eligible Category	Pedestrian access to school, transit, and regional activity center. Bicycle access to school and transit. Bicycle facility on Regional Bicycle Network.
RBPP Funds Requested	\$796,500.00: (88.5% of total project cost)
Local Match	\$103,500.00: (11.5% of total project cost)
Total Project Cost	\$900,000.00
Sponsoring Agency	Town of Corte Madera 233 Tamalpais Drive, Suite 200 Corte Madera, CA 94925 Contact Person: Florian Ebo (415) 927-5057 phone (415) 927-6711 fax febo@ ci.corte-madera.ca.us
Co-Sponsoring Agency (Technical Advisory Committee per feasibility study)	Association of Bay Area Governments Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Marin County Bicycle Coalition City of Larkspur Town of Tiburon
Other Project Partners	Residents of Corte Madera.

Part One: Project Summary	
Project Title:	Los Ranchitos Road Class II Bikeway
Project Description:	Class II Bikeway which will represent a “gap closure” facility between existing Class II facilities at each end. The subject bikeway connection is within a segment of the only north-south route which roughly parallels and augments Highway 101.
Project Location:	Los Ranchitos Rd., (North San Pedro Rd. to Lincoln Ave.), vicinity of north San Rafael area in County of Marin.
Usable Segment Length:	2,300 LF (0.44 miles)
Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Eligible Category:	The proposed project, a Class II bikeway, will not only provide a critical north-south bicycle connection for central Marin, but will also facilitate pedestrian access through this same segment which, due to heavy traffic and negligible shoulders, is presently nonconductive to safe pedestrian access.
RBPP Funds Requested:	\$776,521 (88.5% of Total Project Cost)
Local Match: Local Match = (RBPP Funds/88.53) * 11.47	\$100,903 (11.5% of Total Project Cost)
Total Project Cost:	\$877,424
Sponsoring Agency: Agency Contact Person Street Address City, State, and Zip Code Phone Fax Email	<i>County of Marin</i> 3501 Civic Center Dr. San Rafael, CA 94903 Contact Person: Jack Baker (415) 499-6523 phone (415) 499-3799 fax jbaker@co.marin.ca.us
Other Project Partners: <i>List other partners, contact person</i>	N/A

Part One: Project Summary		
Project Title:	Trestle Glen Bikeway Project	
Project Description	<p>The scope of the Trestle Glen Bikeway Project is to build the south side of a half-mile, Class II bikeway (the north side to be funded by other agencies) on Trestle Glen Boulevard from Hacienda Drive to Tiburon Boulevard. The purpose of the bikeway is to connect isolated neighborhoods to Blackie's Pasture, where an existing two-mile, Class I bikeway leads to many destinations, including schools, regional transit, and community facilities.</p> <p>The south side of Trestle Glen Boulevard is curving and uphill with some limited sight distances, creating unsafe bicycling conditions. The project would make safety and access improvements by widening the shoulder area through a combination of structural improvements and re-shifting and re-striping automobile travel lanes.</p>	
Project Location	Town of Tiburon, Marin County	
Usable Segment Length:	0.7 miles	
Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Eligible Category	Pedestrian access to school or transit and regional activity center; Bicycle access to school or transit; Bicycle facility on <u>Regional Bicycle Network</u> .	
RBPP Funds Requested:	\$520,291.00 (88.5% of total project cost)	
Local Match:	\$67,609.00 (11.5% of total project cost)	
Total Project Cost:	\$587,900.00	Funding Secured: 11.5%
Sponsoring Agency:	<u>Town of Tiburon</u> Pat Echols, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works 1505 Tiburon Boulevard Tiburon, CA 94920 Ph:(415)435-7388 Fx:(415)435-2438 e-mail: pechols@ci.tiburon.ca.us	
Other Project Partners:	Association of Bay Area Governments Marin County Bicycle Coalition Town of Corte Madera	